

ANOTHER GLITCH IN EARLY DUNHAM LINE?

John S. Dunham, Cortland, NY, did some traveling in Nottinghamshire this summer, & he took advantage of the opportunity, both as a researcher & a photographer. Below you see 2 beautiful examples of his camera work: Kirklington Hall, home of John Dunham (1450-1524) & his wife, Elizabeth Bowett Chaworthe Dunham (1452-1502), & several generations after them. BUT WAIT - Before you claim the right to walk your dog on the lawn of your 20-somethingth great grandfather, listen to this: It appears that our modern-day John has also discovered another glitch -- in addition to the well-known controversy questioning our Deacon John's being the son of Thomas Dunham (b. 1556?), as per I. W. D. Here's the new problem: Amid all the difficult spelling & unfamiliar words, contemporary John learned that John (1450-1524) & Elizabeth Bowett (whose 1st husband had been Wm Chaworthe) were granted Kirklington Hall in 1501. Their son John II (b.1474) inherited the hall, & after him Sir John III (b. 1498) & his wife, Benedicta Folgambee. (To p. 2)



GLITCH IN EARLY LINE?(from p. 1) All clear so far, & dovetailing nicely with I. W. D.'s records. But here the plot thickens. According to a 1539 document, John III & Benedicta left 4 daughters (Katherine, Anna, Maria & Frances) as their heirs & the inheritors of Kirklington Hall. Which leaves Ralph Dunham (b. 1526)(next in line in I.W.D.) in limbo. The records regarding Ralph show that he was born in Scrooby, Nottingham, & make no claim that he was a knight. However, he did make what appears to have been an advantageous marriage, ca. 1555, to Elizabeth Wentworth, daughter of Sir Thomas Wentworth, who has a lengthy pedigree. I. W. D. shows Ralph as the grandfather of Deacon John, BUT was Ralph the son of John Dunham III & Benedicta? If not, what was the relationship? "Stay tuned!" cannot be added, at least not until present-day John decides to make another trip to England.

FAMILY ORGANIZATION?

Much might be accomplished by the formation of a DUNHAM FAMILY ORGANIZATION, including the perpetuation of the Dunham newsletter. It is an idea we've been tossing around for a month or so, & because of the number of individuals who are interested in our lengthy & varied Dunham family history, such an organization could well be feasible. Further historical research, books, reunions (Scattered as we are throughout the country, it would surely be difficult to arrange one huge gathering, but possibly a series of regional reunions could be arranged), & many other projects that would be worthwhile & interesting would surely follow. However, a step of this kind would require a good bit of work for which dedication & long-distance teamwork would be needed. We have a handbook that could help along the way, but -- prior to anything else -- it is necessary to get an idea of how many people would be interested & available to accept leadership roles. If the interest in forming a Dunham family organization is out there, we'd like to compile a list of a group of, say, 10 people with organizational skills & decision making abilities who would have a fair amount of time they'd be willing to devote to the project. Please think the idea over & let DD know your impressions, reactions & concerns.

Q U E R I E S

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#1

Need info on Jonathan Dunham born 1827 (1860 census Knox Co, IL) or 1825 (1870 census Knox Co, IL) in New York. He married Sarah Richmond 16 Aug 1849, in Knox Co, IL. Probably his second wife. They had children Walter 1846, James R. 1851, Hannah J. 1854, Harriet A. 1856, Mary E. 1860, Martha A. 1862, and Sarah A. 1864. Jonathan then married Mrs Hannah Housh in 1867. He sold his land in Knox Co in 1871. Does anyone know of this family?

#2

Need info on Hannah Dunham born 1774. May have lived in Rutland, Vermont. She married Elkanah Freeman. She died 14 June 1853 at West Bethany, Genesee Co, NY. They had children Annis, Elisha, Daniel, Samuel (1803-1887), Hiram and Mariah.

HOMESTEADER # 1

Frances Sawyer, of Gothenberg, NE, sent in much more than the queries that appear on page 2. She sent charts & photos, among them this impressive picture of Daniel Freeman, son of Elkanah & Hannah (Dunham) Freeman (1774-1853). (Hannah is the subject of one of Fran Sawyer's queries.) In the photo Daniel Freeman looks all ready to tackle more hostile pursuits than homesteading, but he was the first man to claim land under the Homestead Act of 1863. Eventually, this significant fact made that homestead, located in Beatrice, NE, into a national monument. Fran found this photo & information in a book called DANIEL & AGNES FREEMAN, HOMESTEADERS, by Beverly Kaplan.

ONE DIRECT HIT

Our scorecard hasn't been too impressive recently in regard to being able to connect the miscellaneous reports of Dunhams in various places & periods that we have received, with the overall Dunham picture. Thus we're eager to publicize what success there has been. Bob W. Dunham, Madison, WI, sent in the sketch below, from the 1880 HISTORY OF FOND DU LAC COUNTY, WI, regarding Thomas L. Dunham. It didn't take long to discover that this Thomas was a member of the 8th generation in America, his ancestral line being: Deacon John 1, John 2, John 3, Elisha 4, Ebenezer 5, Bangs 6, Abel 7. The information on Thomas's children was all new -- so special thanks to Bob W.



THOMAS L. DUNHAM, farmer, Sec. 10; P. O. Waupun; born Aug. 27, 1817, in Mansfield, Conn., son of Abel and Sarah Dunham; when about 17 years of age he went to learn the carpenter's trade with Freeman Crocker, of Hartford, Conn., remained with him two years; then worked for Edwin Eaton, of Windham Co., Conn., two and one-half years, and, after that, as journeyman two or three months, and then commenced business for himself, which he followed about two years in his native State; he then came to Wisconsin, and lived in Racine Co. two years, and in Walworth Co. two years; then back to Racine Co. one year; then went to Waukesha Co., where he resided about twenty years; then to Walworth Co. again, and stayed two years; in the fall of 1863 he came to Fond du Lac Co., and bought the farm he now owns—took possession in March, 1869; has 162½ acres, valued at \$50 per acre. Sept. 8, 1844, he was married in Burlington, Wis., to Clarissa Atkins, who was born Dec. 26, 1828, in the town of Campton, Canada; has six children—Sarah M., now Mrs. John Foster, of Chester, Dodge Co., Wis.; Albert C.; Mary Emaline, now Mrs. Hiram Beebe, of Dodge Co., Minn.; Lucinda Susan, now Mrs. John Van Ness, living on the homestead; Arthur Thomas and Edwin Abel, both living at home with their parents.

MORE ON VICTIM OF BLACK BEAN EPISODE

Certain articles seem to have a very wide appeal & to generate interest far beyond the confines of a particular branch of the family (if, indeed, that branch is even identified). One such article was the one about young R. H. Dunham who died in 1843 at the hands of his Mexican captors when he, along with 16 others, was unlucky enough to draw a black bean in a ritual death by lottery. At the time (July '95) that DD published this young man's last letter to his mother (shared by John S. Dunham) we didn't even know his given name. Since then readers have produced considerably more information about this tragedy. From Marilyn Roth, Mitchell, SD, we are pleased to have this sketch of the Dunham family from the 1981 MONTGOMERY COUNTY (TEXAS) HISTORY.

THE DUNHAM FAMILY

The Dunham family were pioneers of two great states — Tennessee and Texas. Daniel Dunham, a Revolutionary War Soldier and his family were pioneers from North Carolina. They were members of the famous John Donelson voyage down the Tennessee River to establish the town of Nashville in 1770. There he established Dunham's Station (Belle Meade Plantation). There were many Indian disturbances and he was killed by the Indians in 1788 at his home.

His son, Daniel A. Dunham, married Louna Adkins of Williamson County, Tennessee in 1805. He sold his property in Nashville and moved to Somerville, Tipton County, Tennessee where his ten children were born.

In 1835 he visited Texas and purchased the Retreat Plantation in Montgomery County from Jared Groce. He returned to Tennessee to get his family and prepare for his move to Texas when he died in Tennessee. His family moved to Texas. His children were Virginia Fisher, Sarah Temple, Daniel Thomas, Robert Holmes, Joseph H., Louna A., Martha A., Rebecca, John Hamilton and Eleanor Ann.

Daniel Thomas Dunham fought at the Battle of San Jacinto as a private in the Regular Artillery Corp. Later he was the postmaster at Retreat. He never married. In 1847 his name was on the list of the committee to select the

county seat of the newly created Montgomery County. He received a Bounty Warrant for 640 acres of land in Navarro County for service from March 27 to September 27, 1836.

Major Robert Holmes Dunham died at Salado, Mexico, March 25, 1843 after being imprisoned after the Texas defeat at the Battle of Mier. He was one of the seventeen unfortunates to draw a Black Bean and was shot by a firing squad. He was a plous young man and led the prayer with his doomed comrades when they declined the priest's services. His heirs received a Bounty Warrant for 1280 acres of land on December 8, 1837 for service from January 10 to December 8, 1837. His last letter to his Mother is now on display at the Alamo.

Mexico

"Dear Mother:

I write to you under the most awful feelings that a son ever addressed a Mother, for in half-hour my doom will be finished on earth, for I am doomed to die by the hands of the Mexicans for our late attempt to escape the () of Santa Anna that every tenth man should be shot. We drew lots. I was one of the unfortunates. I cannot say anything more. I die, I hope with firmness. Farewell, may God bless you and may he in this my last hour forgive and pardon all my sins. A.D. Hendenberge will, should he be able to, inform you. Farewell. Your affectionate son.

R.H. Dunham"

Joseph H. Dunham married twice. He had no children.

Martha A. Dunham married Robert Fenley Wood, son of James Wood.

Rebecca J. Dunham married Oliver Perry

John Hamilton Dunham (1828-1854), married Rotilda Wood, daughter of James Wood and Mary Fenley. He died of yellow fever in 1854. The two children of this marriage were:

Joseph Tillotson Dunham (1849-1931). He married Aurelia Johnson in 1875 and moved to Corsicana where they had a large family.

Annie Rebecca Dunham (1849-1905) married in 1871 Franklin Bailey Greenwood, a descendant of two pioneer Montgomery County families, the Greenwoods and William Montgomery. They lived and farmed in Stoneham, now Grimes County, Texas. They had eight children.

Josie Frank Greenwood (1872-1887).

Dr. William Wood Greenwood, born in 1874 at Retreat and died in Navasota, Texas in 1943. He married Nancy Montgomery in 1902. Their children are Dr. William Montgomery Greenwood, Helen Greenwood and Aubrey Nemir. Franklin Jarvis Greenwood born 1876, died 1900, age 29.

Robert Ewing Greenwood (1879-1941), married Lula Lewis and made their home in Navasota, Texas. Their children are Dr. Robert Greenwood, Austin, Texas, and Mary Ellen Atkinson of Ft. Worth, Texas.

Thomas Benton Greenwood (1881-1938) was a pharmacist. He married Wincle Ingram in 1907. Their daughter, Martha Frances Craze, lives in Houston, Texas.

Grace Greenwood was born March 5, 1886

in Stoneham, Texas. She was educated at Sam Houston Normal and taught school in several Texas towns. In 1912 she married John Henry Speed. She died in 1962 in Houston, Texas, leaving one daughter, Anne Speed McMahan.

Annie Greenwood, born 1884 in Stoneham, married Naul Sandall in Navasota, Texas, where she died in 1956. Their son, Naul Sandall, Jr., lived in Houston and Stoneham.

Hannibal Boone Greenwood, born 1886, died unmarried at Stoneham, Texas in 1914.

— Mrs. H.K. McMahan

"Black Bean Episode. The Black Bean Episode, an aftermath of the Mier Expedition," resulted from an attempted escape of the captured Texans as they were being marched from Mier to Mexico City. After an escape at Salado, Mexico, on February 11, 1843, some 176 of the men were recaptured within about a week. A decree that all who participated in the break were to be executed was modified to an order to kill every tenth man. Colonel Domingo Huerta to be in charge of the decimation. The victims were chosen by lottery, each man drawing a bean from an earthen jar containing 176 beans, seventeen black beans being the tokens signifying death. Commissioned officers were ordered to draw first; then the enlisted men were called as their names appeared on the muster rolls. William A. A. (Big-Foot) Wallace, standing close to the scene of the drawing, decided that the black beans were the larger and fingered the tokens successfully to draw a white bean. Observers of the drawing later described the dignity, the firmness, the light temper, and general courage of the men who drew the beans of death. Some left messages for their families with their companions; a few had time to write letters home. The doomed men were unshackled from their companions, placed in

The more fulsome account of the Black Bean Episode is also from Marilyn, found in THE HANDBOOK OF TEXAS. Richard L. Spore, Lake Jackson, TX, helped out with data concerning LaGrange, TX, final resting place of the 17 soldiers (listed on p. 5).

LA GRANGE Pop. 3,951 Alt. 272 Map Q-18



General—Located where old buffalo trail later known as La Bahia Road crossed the Colorado River. Developed 1831, became seat of Fayette County 1837. County and town said named by early settlers for their home town and county in Tennessee. "Historic Oak" on north side of

square has been muster point for men in six conflicts.

Downtown area includes 1890s courthouse, old county jail, 1886 MKT Depot, historical markers, and St. James Episcopal Church, c. 1885, at 156 N. Monroe St.

Fayette Heritage Museum and Archives—Local art and genealogical collections. Open Tues. - Fri. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., Sun. 1 - 5 p.m. 855 S. Jefferson.

Kreische Brewery State Historic Site—Ruins of stone brewery and home built by stonemason Heinrich L. Kreische who came to La Grange in 1840s. His brewery was one of first commercial breweries in Texas with output of more than 700 barrels in one year. Guided tours tell the story of this German immigrant and details of his brewing process. Brewery is part of adjacent Monument Hill State Historic Site (see below). May be viewed from overlook; tours only Sat., Sun. at 2 & 3:30 p.m.

Lake—Fayette. See LAKES listing.

Monument Hill State Historic Site—Final resting place of men who drew black beans of death after Mier Expedition against Mexico, and 41 of Capt. Nicholas Dawson's soldiers massacred by Mexicans at Salado Creek (one of five Texas streams named Salado) near San Antonio in 1842. Monument is handsome 48-foot marker of stone, bronze and polychrome. Visitor center; self-guided wheelchair-accessible interpretive trail, nature trail, picnic sites, playground. Open daily, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Two miles south off U.S. 77 Spur 92. Admission (includes Kreische Brewery tour when offered).

a separate court yard, and shot at dusk on March 25, 1843. The seventeen victims of the lottery were James Decatur Cocke, William Mosby Eastland, Patrick Mahan, James M. Ogden, Martin Carroll Wing, John L. Cash, Robert Holmes Dunham, Edward E. Este, Robert Harris, Thomas L. Jones, Christopher Roberts, William N. Rowan, J. L. Shepherd, J. N. M. Thompson, James N. Torrey, James Turnbull, and Henry Walling.

In 1848 their bodies were returned from Mexico to be buried at Monument Hill, near LaGrange.

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Black Creek. At least four Texas streams are known as Black Creek. Arranged in alphabetical order according to the counties in which they head, they are:

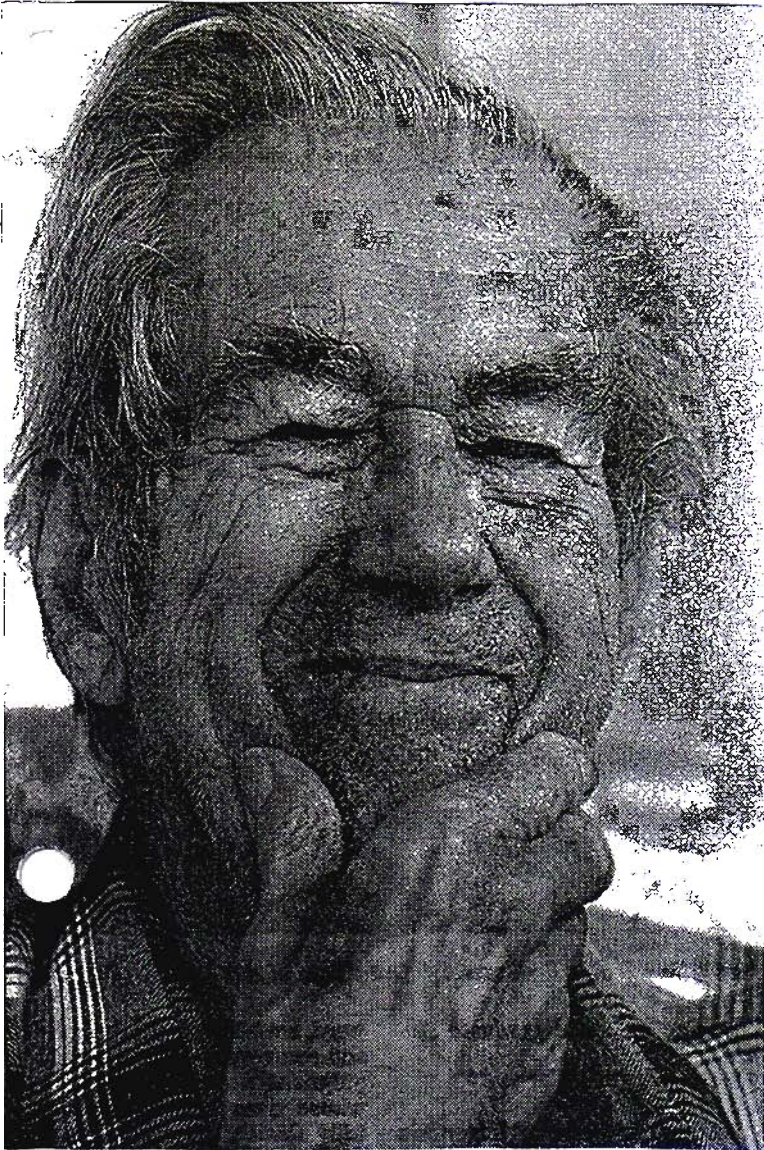
(1) Black Creek, in northern Cass County, an intermittent stream flowing northeast approximately four miles into Overcup Slough about four miles northwest of the town of Douglassville.

17 VICTIMS

Marilyn Roth found this list
in the EARLY HISTORY OF FAY-
ETTE COUNTY, TEXAS:

146-These are the names of the unfortunate decimated Mier Prisoners, just as they appear on their Tomb on Monument Hill on the Bluff overlooking LaGrange:

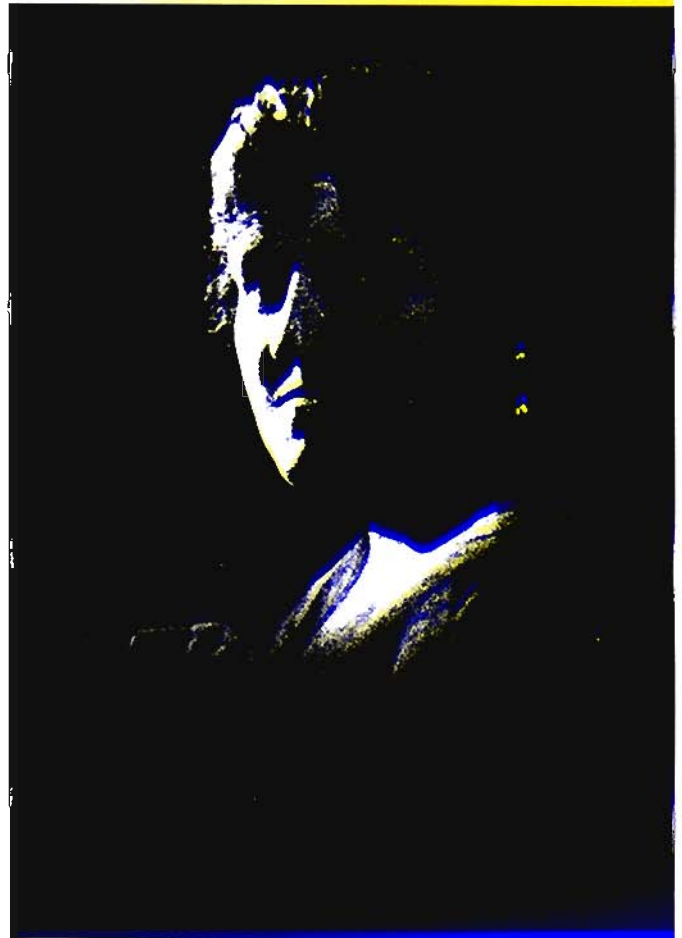
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| 1. Cash, John L. | Victoria County |
| 2. Cocke, James D. | Harris County |
| 3. Dunham, Robert Holmes | Montgomery County |
| 4. Eastland, William Mosby | Fayette County |
| 5. Este, Edward E. | Harris County |
| 6. Harris, Robert | Travis County |
| 7. Jones, Thomas L. | Travis County |
| 8. Mahan, Patrick | Victoria County |
| 9. Ogden, James M. | Travis County |
| 10. Roberts, Christopher | Milam County |
| 11. Rowan, William | Fort Bend County |
| 12. Shepherd, J. L. | Bastrop County |
| 13. Thompson, J. N. McD. | Milam County |
| 14. Torrey, James N. | Harris County |
| 15. Turnbull, James | Victoria County |
| 16. Whaling, Henry | Victoria County |
| 17. Wing, Martin Carrol | Travis County |



ON AUGUST 13, 1995 the SYRACUSE HERALD AMERICAN published some award-winning photographs in a KINSA contest. First place in the black-&-white film division went to Robin Nicotra, as described below. Above you see her winning entry picturing Don Dunham, which was thoughtfully shared by Ann Eldred, Verona, NY.

Black-and-white winner:

- Robin Nicotra, 40, of Baldwinsville, for a close-up of her stepfather, Don Dunham of Baldwinsville.



THANKS TO FRANK CASTRO, S. Windsor, Ct., we have the portrait (above, right) of Lizzie Effie Hamilton Abbey (1882-1931)(10)(Deacon John 1, Joseph 2, Nathaniel 3?, Isaac 4, Simeon 5, Isaac 6, Cyrus 7, Helen Dunham Hamilton 8, Andrew Hamilton 9). She was Frank's great grandmother.